INFORMATION BULLETIN



WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT

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TO: WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT COMMUNITY

SUBJECT: SOLICITATION FOR PROPOSAL—VETERANS' WORKFORCE

INVESTMENT PROGRAM

This information bulletin announces the potential availability of \$850,000 of Workforce Investment Act (WIA) -Veterans' Workforce Investment Program (VWIP) fund, and up to \$850,000 of WIA 15 Percent Governor's Discretionary funds. This announcement also transmits a copy of the Employment Development Department (EDD) VWIP Solicitation for Proposals (SFP) for funding available July 1, 2002, to June 30, 2004. Second year funding (July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2004) is subject to performance and availability of funds.

Proposals will be accepted from Local Workforce Investment Boards, local public agencies, and private nonprofit organizations, including faith-based and community organizations, which have familiarity with the area and population to be served and can administer an effective program.

Proposals received in response to this SFP will be evaluated through a competitive process. The proposals that are most responsive to the State's priorities identified within the SFP and offer the greatest assurance of successful program operations will be considered for funding. The State reserves the right to negotiate the amount awarded under this competitive process. It is anticipated this SFP will be valid for two years subject to performance and availability of funds.

This SFP conforms to the United States Code, Title 29, Section 2913, which can be accessed at www4.law.cornell.edu/uscode/29/2913.html. It also complies with the VWIP program guidelines detailed in the Department of Labor Veterans' Employment and Training Service Solicitation for Grant Application, available for viewing www.access.gpo.gov/su_docs/fedreg/a020429c.html Employment and Training Service link. If you are unable to access either document, please call EDD's Program Development and Management Division at (916) 654-7799 for a copy.

Subgrants to successful applicants will be funded with federal VWIP funds for which EDD has applied, and which the State will match with WIA 15 Percent Discretionary funds. Subject to the availability of funds, projects will be funded as quickly as possible.

The EDD has planned three bidders' conferences and grant writing workshops to assist interested applicants with the development of their proposals. These sessions will take place in Santa Rosa, Fresno, and Los Angeles. Any veterans' service provider intending to submit a proposal is urged to attend one of these sessions.

The bidders' conferences will be from 9 a.m. to noon. The EDD staff will present a brief overview of the SFP and answer questions related to the SFP process and requirements. Following each bidder's conference, a grant writing workshop will be conducted from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Staff will present key elements to writing a successful proposal.

- 1. Santa Rosa, June 6, 2002
- 2. Fresno, June 10, 2002
- 3. Los Angeles, June 11, 2002

If you require special accommodations, please call (916) 654-7799 at least five working days prior to your conference date.

If you are interested in obtaining an additional SFP package, you may do so in one of the following three ways:

- 1. Telephone the Veterans Unit at (916) 654-7799.
- 2. Send a written request to:

Attention: Veterans Unit Program Development and Management Division Employment Development Department P.O. Box 826880, MIC 50-1 Sacramento, CA 94280-0001

3. Download the SFP at: www.edd.ca.gov/emptran.htm and follow the Employment and Training Special Projects link.

As stipulated in this SFP, late proposals will not be considered for funding. Proposals are due by 5 p.m. on July 5, 2002.

/S/ JIM CURTIS

Chief

Program Development and Management Division

Attachment is available on the Internet:

Veterans Workforce Investment Program Solicitation for Proposals (PDF) (135k)